

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire St. John's School community for all your support throughout the last month. The understanding and compassion that you have shown towards both myself and my family is a real testament to how caring everyone is at this very sad time. Your extremely generous gifts and thoughtful messages have been a real source of comfort as I come to terms with the passing of my dear mother.

Having spent much time over the last two months in both a hospital and a hospice, it has made me appreciate the remarkable work that all health care professionals do in such challenging circumstances. During my assembly this week, I have spoken at length with the pupils about how I have really valued the many acts of kindness that I have experienced from so many different people especially in the health service. As we explored this together, we concluded that kindness is the magic ingredient that we have at St. John's School which makes us so special and so successful. I have asked all pupils to really make an effort to continue to show acts of kindness not just in school but at home and within the community. What a different place our world would be if everyone was just kind!!

As I start to rapidly catch up with my endless list, I would like to draw your attention to two main areas that we are determined to improve this year. The first one being attendance and punctuality with the attendance target being 96% and our drive to ensure that all pupils are at school by 8.45am. We have already had our EWO monitoring our punctuality on three different occasions, compiling a list of all the constant offenders. I will be writing to all these parents and we will continue to monitor this over the next few weeks, if this doesn't improve then we will be inviting key parents in to meet with myself and the EWO as this has to improve. We are having too many pupils missing too much valuable time that is undoubtedly impacting on their education. Last year we were in the top 2% of schools in the country, this year our aim is to be in the top 1% of schools in the country!

Secondly, as part of our drive in making our school more sustainable, we are really focusing on eliminating our lost property box for school uniform throughout the school. Therefore, we would really appreciate if all parents can ensure that all items of their child's school uniform are clearly labelled. We will be running a spare uniform shops throughout the year so please support this by donating any uniform that no longer fits your child or purchasing spare uniform for the year ahead. Please also ensure that your child has a tie as this is part of the uniform. Our Eco-Committee will be playing an active role in monitoring this very closely and in doing so ensuring that all pupils have their uniform labelled. We will be offering to label pupils' clothing if all clothing is not labelled by the 14th October. If you do not wish us to label your child's clothing, please do let us know prior to the 14th October.

Please note the following key events that will be taking place over this half-term:

Monday 7th October @ 9am - Pathways assembly talking about baptism, parents are very welcome to attend.

Tuesday 15th October – Open morning for prospective parents and pupils at 9am

Wednesday 16th October @9am – Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of Sapphire pupils to observe

Thursday 17th October @ 9am – Storytime activity for Parents/Carers of Ruby pupils to observe

Friday 18th October – Paul Lyalls (poet) working with all pupils and teachers in creating and enjoying poetry and fundraising activity for our Protected Spring in Uganda

Tuesday 22nd October @9am – Reading lesson for parents/Carers of Emerald and Diamond pupils to observe

Wednesday 23rd October @9am – Reading lesson for Parents/Carers of Sapphire parents to observe

Wednesday 23rd October @ 2pm – Harvest Service at St. John's Church - Yr.1 – Yr.6

Friday 25th October @ 2.15pm – Eucharist Service for Emerald Class, parents and carers are very welcome also at St. John's Church

Tuesday 12th November @9am – Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of Ruby pupils to observe

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 7 October 2024

Monday

8.00am	Breakfast Club
9.00am	Pathways Assembly
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (KS2)
3.00-4.00pm	Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Tuesday

8.00am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (KS2)
3.00-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday

8.00am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)
3.00-4.00pm	Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)
3.00-4.00pm	Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

Thursday

8.00am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Rounders/Tennis Club (KS2)
3.00-4.00pm	Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
3.00-4.00pm	Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

Friday

8.00am	Breakfast Club
8.00am	Rugby Club (KS2)

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances. On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

AUTUMN 2024

Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half-term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 20 December
INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
INSET DAY	Monday 4 November
INSET DAY	Friday 29 November

SPRING 2025

Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half-term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 4 April
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January

SUMMER 2025

Starts	Tuesday 22 April
Half-term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Ends (1.00pm)	Tuesday 22 July
INSET DAY	Monday 30 June
Bank Hols	Monday 5 May

Please note that the 6th January 2025 will be an INSET Day instead of the 2nd June 2025.

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

EMERALD CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 7 October in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	90%
Sapphire	94.2%
Diamond	93.3%
Emerald	97.3%
Overall	93.7%



Sports News

Over the last couple of weeks, the school football team have started playing their league matches at Enfield Grammar. I am delighted to say that the team has played 5 matches so far and have won all five. A fantastic achievement. They have their next set of matches this Tuesday so hopefully the good form will continue. The results are below:

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Well done to Isaac who was named player of the match last week and to Emmanuel who was named player of the match for this week.

Good luck on Tuesday.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 20 September, pupils wore jeans / jeanswear to raise money for children and families affected by a genetic disorders.

So far we have raised £200

If you haven't managed to make a donation yet, please pay £2 to Jeans for Genes on ParentPay.

Healthy Snacks

Please only bring in healthy snacks for your children at breaktime and After School Clubs.



INFORMATION

Coats

Please ensure that your child has a coat on now the weather is becoming colder.

Absent Procedures

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

If you would like to purchase a school tie or water bottle, this can be purchased from the ParentPay shop, where the link is located on our homepage of the school website or please use the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

Spare School Uniform Shop

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size. You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

RUBY CLASS

Ruby have had another busy week filled with learning and new experiences.

In Maths, we have been comparing sizes and using mathematical language to describe a variety of objects. The children have also been working on their 1:1 correspondence through singing some well-loved nursery rhymes, like Ten in a Bed.

We began a new focus story, Anansi the Spider, which has ignited an interest in maps and the continents of the world! The children have learned the story sequence and are beginning to retell the story through their pictures, actions and key words.

In phonics, we are picking up the pace and learning a new sound each day. The children use their sound knowledge to build words with Fred the frog. They have really enjoyed the competitive game we play with Fred to score Dojo points!

I have been so proud to see Ruby class settle into their school. This was also noted by Mrs Notley in our Celebration Assembly, so a huge well done is in order to each and every member of Ruby class! I would also like to congratulate the nursery pupils who began school this week; they are quickly making friends and gaining confidence and independence in the classroom.

Reminder: please bring homework books, reading records and reading books in every Wednesday to be changed and given out every Friday.

For any questions, please speak to me at home time at the gate.

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Our classroom has been full of joy and glorious adventures. The children are working really hard and always trying their best. Their work is truly impressive. Watch the space Sapphire families!

English – We have completed a sequence of creative and skilful writing about Cave Baby story. The start of our new adventure was with a little sweet 'Sofia' from 'The Sea Saw' which is going to be an insight into a beautiful, emotionally satisfying look at how nothing is ever truly lost if you keep it in our heart. The cuddly toys are certainly going to be part of our writing for this unit.

Maths – We have been building mathematical knowledge and skills, through learning about fractions of shapes and quantities, 2D shapes' properties and symmetrical features. Enjoy a fun game of spotting 2D shapes all around you and talk about their properties.

Science – The topic for this half term is to learn about the amazing world of plants. We will discover how plants grow from seeds and buds. We will be using our senses to discover the plants that live in the world around us. The weather is still promising for some park walks to explore this with your child. Have a go at planting a seed with your child and observe its growth!

Religious Education – The unit is all about celebrations in Judaism, its significance and symbolism in a Jewish life. We will be exploring, making, creating and learning about the importance of special events in our lives. I hope you enjoyed the Challah bread!

Happy Rosh Hashana to our Jewish community and to all around the world!

In **PSHE**, we are celebrating being 'ME' in my world: my feelings, rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences. **Geography**: We are learning all about the different types of weathers, symbols and conditions.

We are extremely proud of you Sapphire, thank you for the smiles 😊

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS Can you believe we are at the end of week 5 already? Everyone in Diamond Class is working really hard in all lessons and we are producing some really great work. We have just got to the end of our Division week, and this rounds up our 4-operation work. These are the fundamentals in Maths, and it is pertinent that the children understand the strategies to answer these questions. All children have worked hard to learn the bus stop method which is fantastic. The children also discovered that division is the opposite of multiplication and realised they could use their times tables knowledge to help them. This proved how vital times tables are!

In English, we have started our new book 'The Heart in the Bottle' and have begun to think about adding dialogue to a scene. The children have really engaged in English lessons, and I look forward to their excellent work over the next couple of weeks.

In Science, the children have loved looking at the different processes of changing states from solids, liquids and gases. Across the weeks we have looked at melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. Please do have a chat with your child about these experiments and test their knowledge on examples of these process they can find in everyday life.

History has been a favourite over the past couple of weeks. We have been looking at mummification and the afterlife in relation to the Ancient Egyptians. Children have loved recreating this process using a tomato, of which the method is on the website under the 'Latest News' section. This knowledge then allowed us to look at the journey they take into the afterlife.

As I mentioned above, times tables are vital to help lessen children's anxiety around maths. When children are able to recall their times tables quickly, they are able to focus on the other skills needed to answer the question. I have been seeing many children not completing 15 minutes of TTR at home along with MyMaths homework and this means that many children are not getting the practice they might need. If you have lost your child's login information, then please get in touch and I can reprint one for you.

If there is any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS We are well and truly into the swing of things and Emerald class have been working really hard across all the subject areas. In maths we have been focusing on fractions: ordering, finding equivalents and converting between mixed fractions and improper fractions. We have also been solving some tricky problems based around this. In English we have continued reading our class book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. The children have been using a range of figurative language to create their own narrative poem and I have been really pleased with some of the outcomes.

In science this half-term we have been focused on changes of materials. This week we looked at how we can separate materials using sieving, filtration and evaporation. In our food topic we looked at all the different types of pasta and completed a still-life drawing of all the different things required to create pasta.

Please remember on Monday we are hopefully creating our pasta dishes so please refer to the parent pay message sent earlier in the week. I am extremely pleased, on the whole, with the children's homework, it is really helping to support their learning and both consolidate and move them forward. I hope you have a fun and relaxing weekend.

Mr Law & Mr Pople joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

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18	Fundraising for Protected Spring in Uganda	
18	Paul Lyalls (poet) working with all pupils and teachers in creating and enjoying poetry	
21—25	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK	
22	Reading lesson for Parents/Carers of Emerald and Diamond pupils to observe	9.00am
23	Reading lesson for Parents/Carers of Sapphire parents to observe	9.00am
23	Harvest Service at St. John's Church (Yr.1 to Yr.6) parents and carers are very welcome	2.00pm
23	Reception Class hearing screening	9.15am
25	Eucharist Service for Emerald Class at St. John's Church—parents and carers welcome	2.15pm
28—1 Nov	HALF-TERM	
NOV		
4	INSET DAY	
5	Individual Pupils School Photos (please come to school in your full school uniform)	
11	Parent's Meetings Week	
11	Anti-Bullying Week	
12	Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of Ruby pupils to observe	9.00am
13	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)	2.00pm
18	Catriona Fathers' writing competition to begin	
19	Open morning for Prospective Parents	9.00am
20	Collective Worship Emerald Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
21	Collective Worship Sapphire Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
27	Collective Worship Diamond Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
29	INSET DAY	
DEC		
2	Flu-Vaccinations (please fill in the e-consent forms sent by ParentPay)	
6	Catriona Fathers' Writing Award	
9	After School Clubs are finished	
11	Ruby Class' Nativity in St. John's Church	2.00pm
18	Carol Service in St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)	2.00pm
19	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day (please make £2 donation on ParentPay) and Christmas Parties	
19	Nursery Class End of Autumn Term	2.50pm
20	End of Autumn Term	1.00pm

St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop

St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more sustainable school and world.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. Simple.

All items are priced at only £2

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.



At
St John's Church
Strayfield Road
9:00am
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

**Come
And See**



At
St Luke's Church
10:00am
Every **First Sunday** of the
Month

**Come
And See**

Nursery Places 2024

- If your child is 3 years old by August 31st 2024, they will be able to join our Nursery Class now.
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the school office and we can arrange a visit for you as soon as possible.

ST JOHN & ST LUKE

CLAY HILL

Clay Hill

Quiz Night

St Luke's Church

Phipps Hatch Lane, EN2 0HL

Saturday 9 November 2024

6.30 for 7.00pm start

Tickets £10

Tickets from Elaine Plumb

020 8482 4309

Tables of up to eight

or come along and make up a table

Bring your own drinks and nibbles



St. John's C. E. Primary School

"Shine like stars"

Nursery & Reception Class

Top 2% of Primary schools in the country

'Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success' Rt. Hon Damian Hinds – Minister for Schools

Are you a Parent or a Carer looking for a school place in either Nursery or Reception 2025?

Come and see St. John's C.E. Primary School in action at our Open Mornings on Tuesday 15 October and Tuesday 19 November at 9.00am

We are a small school with a maximum of 17 pupils in both the Nursery Class and the Reception Class.

Supported group work provided for all pupils which enables all pupils to make excellent progress – last year our combined end of KS2 results were well above the national average and we are currently in the top 2% of schools in the country.

Excellent extra-curricular activities including a Breakfast Club daily – excellent feedback from our recent feedback from our recent Ofsted inspection on the 20th July 2022

Please contact our school office on 020 8363 4709 to book your place for the Open Morning or visit our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk for further information.

Pupils' behaviour is a strength and as a result, they are enthusiastic learners. There is a calm, focused and respectful atmosphere in the school, where learning is the priority.

Ofsted, July 2022

Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to develop as confident and independent readers. Leaders prioritise pupils' wider enrichment. Pupils appreciate these opportunities and take them seriously.

Ofsted, July 2022

'Pupils are happy here. They appreciate the small, caring, family ethos of the school.

Ofsted, July 2022